



March 12, 2010

It's ANOTHER gathering of
NEIGHBORS!

St Patrick's Day Pot Luck Dinner!



**Bring the
KIDS!**

**Bill & Tree Huston's house
408 S. 7th St.**

Wednesday • March 17 • 6:00-8:00

Bring a dish (or bag or box of something) to share!

Or - just come! There's always enough food!

Table Service & Drinks provided

You Gotta Eat! C'mon!

Questions?

Call Bill or Tree:

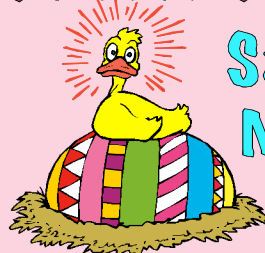
420-8099



LOUD applause for:

- whoever wears the most green
- the yummiest green food
(please, think of something in addition to guacamole?)
- the green-est serving dish (where's that lime Tupperware?)
- whoever can sing "O Danny Boy" without looking at the words!
- anything with Guinness as the main ingredient! (yippie)
- dumb-ist St. Patrick's Day apparel.....(we had a winner last year!)

Easter Egg Hunt



**Saturday
March 27
9:00a**

Bring the kids and c'mon over to the
intersection of short State and 8th streets
for 4th annual Easter Egg Hunt!

Provided: Eggs to find (with "treasures")!

Coffee, juice, donuts

Lawn chairs for sleepy adults

You bring: The KIDS!

Your Easter basket (or bucket)

Questions? Wanna help? Call:

Jean Chmielewski - 429-5422

Beth Riedeman - 409-3396

Cindy Gerlach - 742-1970



2009 Easter Egg Hunt: Getting ready!



We Lost. It's Over.

After 24 years, the deal changes...

It's official. The Ninth Street Hill newsletters may no longer TOUCH your mailbox. In. On. Behind. Keep off. It's the law.

You don't own your mailbox, it's property of the US Post Office, and there will be "no trespassing" on Post Office property...under penalty of law.

Exactly a year ago (see the March '09 newsletter), we reported that, after a cordial discussion with the Postmaster, we had official permission to place our yellow newsletters BEHIND your mailbox (not ON or IN), continuing our 23-year tradition of neighborhood communication. We gladly complied. And all was well. Until last month.

The new Postmaster is now enforcing the letter of the law and if we break the law, we will face fines and postage-due on any newsletter found IN or ON a mailbox. Mercifully, no jail time was mentioned.

So.....from now on, you may find your newsletter IN your door, TAPED to the door, in a basket, or any other creative (and LEGAL) solution your Block Rep can figure out. Thank you, Block Reps!

And - we do thank all the former Postal officials who were flexible and supportive (AND who appreciated the fact that we pay first-class postage for 75-90 newsletters mailed to media, elected officials, old residents, etc.)

editorial note: I've been the recipient of all the certified letters and on the front line of PO "discussions" - it has not been what I'd call "cordial" or neighborly. Wonder if the Post Office realizes that occasionally, goodwill rather than legalism might help them solve their bigger problems. Just a thought.)



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March 17th - 6-8pm

Easter EGG HUNT!
Saturday, March 27th
9:00am



Neighbor News!

-- Good luck to our 2 neighbors who are candidates in the upcoming May Primary: **LINDA PHILLIPS** and **DAVE WILLIAMS**. It's nice to have neighbors who are willing to serve the entire community! Good luck to you both.

-- **LYDIA PETERSON** sure is photogenic - We all enjoyed seeing her picture in the J&C!

-- Congratulations to **BETH REIDEMAN** on her new position as Program Director of the YMCA.

-- Welcome to **MIKE STOUT** new resident at 453 S. 9th - hope to see you at the St. Patrick's Day Pot Luck Dinner!

-- A huge "Thank You" to **JIM & MARIFRAN MATTSON** for serving as 2009 Association Co-Chairs - great job, friends!

And, a sad "goodbye," too - the Mattsons have downsized to a darling bungalow on 18th Street - we will miss you in the 'hood!

-- Thank you to **ALL THE NEIGHBORS** who worked so hard to keep sidewalks shoveled and clear this winter...and to the other neighbors who didn't, hmmm - wonder why not?

-- Looking for an unusual and one-of-a-kind **GIFT**, for a friend or for yourself? Check out the

ART MUSEUM GIFT SHOP - the main entrance is on 10th St.



Address Sevice Requested

Planning ahead...Celebrating the **20th year** of

The Children's BOX PARADE

On **Saturday, July 3rd** we celebrate the 20th **Children's BOX PARADE** down 9th Street Hill and there will be a few "additions" this year: We're inviting **ALUMNI** to march (how fun will that be?!); a team of 10-year-old baseball players (and parents) will be serving an all-American **HOT DOG LUNCH** (at historic prices); and more!



Can you help out? Janna Minjarez (who has spearheaded the parade for years) needs a co-chair for this expanded event. Please call one of our Co-Chairs if you'd like help out with this good old-fashioned patriotic tradition in the 'hood.

Neighbor **SANDY LAHR** with grandchildren at one of the first Box Parades. The "kids" have now all graduated from college, but we hope they'll march with us agin this year!
Boxes not required for alums!



Our Association: there are NO "members" Just "NEIGHBORS"

And we all
do what we can!




Being part of our Neighborhood Association is **FREE!** No charge, no pressure, no "dues police," (Huh? How's that work?) Yep, we have **NO DUES** 'cause if you **LIVE** or **RENT** in the neighborhood, or if you **OWN PROPERTY** in the neighborhood, or if you're a **FRIEND** or **FAN** of our neighborhood - you're our "**NEIGHBOR.**" You're always welcome to join us for whatever it is we're doing. Hey, how nice is that? (yep, it's easy!)

However (yeah, there's usually an "however"), we do rely **ONLY** on generous **DONATIONS** to carry on the work (and, most importantly, the **PLAY**) of the 'hood. Now, let's define "generous." Easy: "Generous" is what **YOU** can give - whatever the amount! \$1? \$10? \$100? It doesn't matter...**ALL** contributions are important and **ALL** contributions help our neighborhood continue to be a **GREAT** place to live.

If you can send in a little something, use the enclosed form and envelope - thx!

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LUCKY YOU

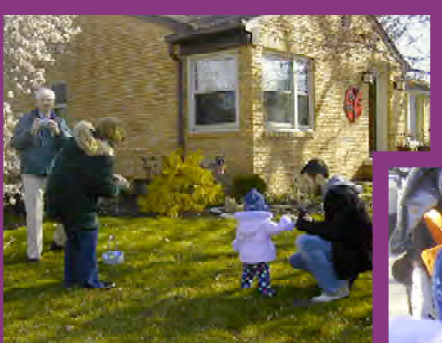
Didja notice those little red squiggles on the calendar?  We still need a few volunteers for activities and we still need a few locations for our gatherings.

-- **Hosting a gathering is easy:** We have supplies, cups, plates, nametags, etc...you just open your house or apartment. Hey, it's a gathering, not a tour and we've all taken the **NO-DUST PLEDGE!** May we put **YOU** on the schedule? Call one of our Co-Chairs!

-- **The other volunteer stuff:** You notice that this seems to be the year of "co-chairs" for a lot of stuff - our leadership figured having a couple of folks overseeing an activity or responsibility lessened the stress on everyone and everyone has help - good idea! Call the Co-Chairs for info or to volunteer.

VERY IMPORTANT NOTE: We all agreed several years ago that **WE** would run the activities of the association...the activities would not run **US**. **What does that mean?** Simple: If we don't have the interest or the people-power to do an activity one year, we simply don't do it. **People are more important than projects**, so we don't whine, beg, guilt, or alienate. We just put aside the activity that year and see if there's interest the following year. And, yep, that includes the **BIG** "traditional" activities (Flags, Luminaria) and the small in-the-'hood activities (holiday parties, pumpkin carving, etc.). Yes. It's true. So.....if you can help erase any of those red squiggles on the next page, great! If you can't, that's ok too.

2009 Easter Egg Hunt



By the way - even if your home is "child-free," come on the **27th** for coffee and donuts and fun "watching."

editorial note: Little people running around collecting eggs should make us all very happy - it's **NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION** at its best!

SAVE!

Put refrigerator magnet here

Mark Your Calendar!

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

- MAR 17 (W)** 6-8:00p **St. Patrick's Pot Luck Dinner**
Hustons' house - 408 S. 7th
- MAR 27 (SA)** 9:00a **Kids' Easter Egg Hunt!**
Short 8th Street cul-de-sac
- APR 10 (SA)** 10-noon **Garden Clean-up**
Garden (100 blk 9th St.)
- APR 17 (SA)** 10-noon **Rain date for Garden Clean-up**
Garden (100 blk 9th St.)
- APR 30-MAY 2 (F - SU)** all day **Art Museum "Paint Out"**
(painters in our neighborhood!)
- MAY 8 (SA)** 10-noon **Plant/Share Garden Flowers**
Garden (100 blk 9th St.)
- MAY 21 or 22 (F or SA)** **Martini Tasting Party!**
(need host house/appt!)
- MAY 22 (SA)** all day **City-wide CLEAN SWEEP**
- JUN 17 (TH)** 7:00p **Flag Prep & Business Meeting**
Boswell's house: 800 State
- JUN 26 (SA)** TBA **Hang the Flags!**
Nargi's house
904 State
- JUN 26-July 6: 21st annual "Festooned Fourth" Flag Display!**
- JUL 3 (SA)** 10:00a **Children's BOX PARADE**
20th Anniversary PARADE!
Gather in driveway 421 S. 9th
- JUL 6 (TU)** TBA **Take down Flag Display**
Nargi's house - 904 State
- AUG 13 (F)** dusk **MOVIE NIGHT!!!**
Nargi's back yard (back "field")
- SEP 14 (TU)** 5:30 **Eat-in-the-Street PICNIC**
Short 8th St. cul-de-sac
- OCT 23 (SA)** 10:00a **Kids' Pumpkin Decorating**
(need organizer & location!)
- OCT 23 (SA)** 6:00 **Progressive Halloween PARTY**
(need 2 more host houses/apts!)
- OCT 24 (SU)** TBA **"Home of Purdue" Half Marathon**
(We hand out water as they run the Hill!)
- NOV 6 (SA)** 10-noon **Put the GARDEN to BED!**
Garden (100 blk 9th St.)
- NOV 17 (W)** 7:00 **Luminaria Bag-Folding PARTY**
(need a host house/appt!)
- DEC 17 or 18 (FR or SA)** TBA **Holiday PARTY**
(need a host house/appt!)
- DEC 22 (W)** 6-8:00p **Luminaria "Warm-up"**
(need a host house/appt!)
- Dec 22, 23, 24 Jan 20 (TH)** 6:00 **24th Annual Luminaria Display!**
5:30 **"Annual Meeting" Potluck Dinner**



Neighborhood Volunteers

This is your handy "who-do-I-call?" LIST!



Senior Co-Chair: Beth Riedeman / 409-3396 / beth.riedeman@gmail.com

Junior Co-Chairs: Gary Mueller & Cindy Gerlach / 742-1970 /
muellg@gmail.com cgerlach@gmail.com

Recording Secretary: Janna Minjarez / 420-0285 / jrminjarez@comcast.net

Donations Secretary: Mary Ann Loepker / 742-7061 / wudkrvr@msn.com

Treasurer: Lou Nargi / 742-4147 / lnargi@aol.com

501(c)(3) Nonprofit Oversight: Sandy Lahr / 742-6905 / lahrandlahr@aol.com

Party & Meeting Supplies: Betty Reed / 742-0996 / bjreed@comcast.net

PR & Media Coordinators: Carol Bloom / 429-4888 / cbloom@purdue.edu

NEED A VOLUNTEER!

Block Rep Coordinator: Gena Brown / 742-5521 / historichiller403@yahoo.com
BLOCK REPS:

- 100-200 S. 9th: Lindsay Kitchel / 418-1676 / lyndsayR12@yahoo.com

- 300-400 S. 9th: Nancy Nargi / 742-4147 / nnargi@aol.com

- Payne Apts (303/305 S. 9th): Ann Bostick / 423-4519

- 500 block S. 9th: **NEED A VOLUNTEER!**

- 600 block S. 9th & Kossuth: Sandy Lahr / 742-6905 / lahrandlahr@aol.com

- Hitt & 400 block S. 7th: Bill Huston / 420-8099 / bill.starguy@gmail.com

- 500/600 blk. S. 7th & Lingle Ter.: Linda Phillips / 423-2699 / lphillip@jonesphillips.com

Welcome Team:

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Pam Thomas / 742-5539 / pmthomas@c21rg.net

Carol Korty / 423-1583 / ckorty@aol.com

Neighborhood Garden Chair: Dave Lahr / 742-6905 / lahrandlahr@aol.com

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Webmaster: Jeff Boswell / 742-4388 / boswell800@comcast.net

Fest. Fourth Flag Display Chairs: Scott Gilkey / 404-2167 / sgilkey475@gmail.com

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Fest. Fourth Box Parade Chair: Janna Minjarez / 420-0285 / jrminjarez@comcast.net

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Luminaria Display Co-Chairs:

Ruben Minjarez / 420-0285 / jrminjarez@comcast.net

NEED VOLUNTEER!!

Croquet Tournament Co-Chairs: (August or Sept - Valley Center hosts)

Scott Gilkey / 404-2167 / sgilkey475@gmail.com

Gale Payne / 742-5678 / galepayne@gmail.com

Easter Egg Hunt Chair: Jean Chmielewski / 429-5422 / chm1@purdue.edu

Neighborhood Watch Co-Chairs:

Jamie Derringer / 491-8444 / hathor1977@yahoo.com

NEED VOLUNTEER!!

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-Storm Water Task Force: Beth Riedeman / 409-3396 / beth.riedeman@gmail.com

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2010 Neighborhood Contribution

Thank you for donating!
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Amount enclosed:

- ☐ \$50
- ☐ \$25
- ☐ \$15
- ☐ \$10
- ☐ \$5
- ☐ other

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____ email: _____

Non-resident owners:

What is the address of 9th St. the property(s) you own? _____

Please mail this form and your contribution to:

Mary Ann Loepker, Coordinating Secretary, 528 S. 9th St., Lafayette, IN 47901

Questions?

Call Mary Ann: 742-7061